GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:249
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2005
GROWTH IN MINERAL SECTOR
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether national mineral sector has recorded a positive growth during the last decade according to the latest data available with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, mineral-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the excavation of minerals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 249 SLATED FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2005 ASKED BY SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL REGARDING GROWTH IN MINERAL SECTOR

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of change in production of major minerals over ten years is at Annexure I. Details of mineral production for major states, is at Annexure II.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Ministry of Mines are as follows:-

(i) Enunciated the National Mineral Policy in 1993.

(ii) Opened up the non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector for private sector investment, including foreign direct investment (FDI).

(iii) Permitted 100% FDI under the automatic route, in all minerals except diamond & precious stones; for diamond & precious stones FDI is allowed upto 74% under the automatic route and upto 100% through the Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

(iv) Introduced the concept of reconnaissance permit (RP) as a stage distinct from and prior to actual prospecting operations.

(v) Delegated further authority to State Government.

To review the National Mineral Policy, 1993 and further improve the investment environment in the mining sector a High Level Committee has been set up under Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission to recommend appropriate measures in this regard.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE- I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 249 FOR ANSWER ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2005 ASKED BY SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL REGARADING GROWTH IN MINERAL SECTOR.

AVERAGE INDEX OF MINERAL PRODUCTION (Major Minerals)

(Annual index for 1993-94 and 2003-2004)

(Base year 1993-94 = 100)

Mineral	1993-1994	2003-2004
MINERALS UNDER MCDR 88	100	180.36
(a) SCHEDULED MINERALS	100	188.36
ASBESTOS	100	24.22
BAUXITE	100	197.38
CHROMITE	100	272.83
COPPER ORE	100	57.95
GOLD (TOTAL)	100	166.60
IRON ORE (TOTAL)	100	205.95
LEAD CONC.	100	135.69
ZINC CONC.	100	203.44
MANGNESE ORE	100	104.72
DIAMOND	100	370.72
(b) TOP 17 NON SCHEDULED MINERALS	100	164.21
LIMESTONE	100	184.45
PHOSPHORITE	100	138.67
DOLOMITE	100	117.65
KAOLIN (TOTAL)	100	139.03
GYPSUM	100	164.57
MAGNESITE	100	86.49
BARYTES	100	137.38
STEATITE	100	172.44
FLUORITE CONC. (TOTAL)	100	25.64
SILCA SAND	100	133.83
BAL CLAY	100	227.95
FIRECLAY	100	153.59
WOLLASTONITE	100	243.13
SILLIMENITTE	100	160.57
GRAPHITE (ROMO)	100	103.87
CHALK	100	107.12
LATERITE	100	182.09
(c) OTHER NON SCHEDULED MINERALS	100	182.41

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 249 FOR ANSWER ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2005 ASKED BY SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL REGARDING GROWTH IN MINERAL SECTOR

Value of Mineral Production

(Rs. Crore)

State	1993-94	2003-04
Andhra Pradesh	1747	5941
Assam	1852	3033
Bihar	3655	864

Jharkhand#	-	5967
Gujarat	2492	5264
Karnataka	474	1364
Madhya Pradesh	3445	4027
Chhattisgarh#	-	5015
Maharashtra	1060	3132
Orissa	1195	4004
Rajasthan	922	2760
Tamil Nadu	729	2069
Uttar Pradesh	795	2793
West Bengal	922	2444

= New States have been created since 2000-2001